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Response to Amendment

The applicant's proposed amendment will not be entered as it would require new search and consideration. The amendment adds a new step to the process of claim 7 that has not been previously required in the process. Thus, the scope of the claim has changed, and new consideration and search is required.

Response to Arguments

The applicant's arguments are not being considered at this time as they are directed to the proposed amendment.

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